



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety Endorsed R.A.I.D. (Race Against Impaired Driving) Program will present \$2,500 to a Valley Family Victimized by DUI Collision

On Tuesday, December 4th, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. representatives of the R.A.I.D. program will present a check for \$2,500 to the Graham/Warner family at the Southwest Ambulance Headquarters 708 West Baseline in Mesa.

On December 10th, 2004 the Graham/Warner family was driving home from a family gathering. Cherise Graham was driving with her fiancé, Larry Warner, in the front passenger seat and her 16-year-old son, Brandon Graham, in the rear passenger seat.

As the family approached the intersection of University and Gilbert their car was T-boned by a driver that had methamphetamine, cocaine and Marijuana Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in his system. Larry was killed on impact just five days before he and Cherise were to be married. Brandon was ejected from the vehicle. Brandon suffered a collapsed lung, torn liver and spleen and a dissected aorta. He has undergone numerous surgeries and will have medical complications as a result of the crash for the rest of his life. Almost three years later the case has not been adjudicated. It took almost two years for the case to be charged and is now in the Superior Court.

DPS and MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) invite the media to cover this very important event which coincides with the start of Red Ribbon Week.

On December 5th, a similar event will take place in Tucson featuring another family that has endured tremendous suffering at the hands of an impaired driver.

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